Gritf Lines Up Two More of His Athletes-Killeter Denies Alec's Statement

READY FOR ACTION

One Sends in Signed Contract Mike Martin's Name Suggested and the Other Agrees to Terms Offered.

RAPLEY LIKES THE CAMP

National League Has Fewer Players Satisfied Than Has Its Rival.

By Louis A. Dougher.

Two more of the 1916 Griffmen

One signed contract was found in Manager Griffith's morning mail and a letter from another player, accepting terms. The Old Fox immediately forwarded to the latter a contract containing the salary agreed upon.

Six unnamed 1916 players are now

welve players available already.

"As these contracts come along," muses Griff, "I have to grin at the loud outbursts from Dave Fults. He says I'm 'the big laugh,' does he? Well, when I get through he'll have few good laughs coming to him." Likes Training Camp.

Harry Rapley, the Washington club's treasurer, has just returned from a short visit to Augusta. Ga., and he has only good things to say of the 1917 training camp of the Griffmen. He says that conditions are excellent in the little Georgia city, and that with any kind of weather the boys should be prepared for the opening

of the season.

Mike Martin, mayor of Cherrydale, Va., made plans for furnishing showva. made plans for furnishing show-er baths a-plenty at the ball park in Augusta, and they will be waiting for the first bunch of players March 1. Martin expects to reach Augusta a few days before the pitchers arrive, in order to have everything in ship-shape condition.

National Hit Hard. If the players do go through with their proposed strike, the National League will be hit hard. Unless the American League is in a pact to sup-

port the older organization to the end, the fight may develop into one against the Tener tribe. At least two American League clubs, Philadelphia and Cleveland, are without Fraternity members. Three of the Indians, Gandil, Speaker and Roth, are members, but they joined before becoming Indians.
Chicago and St. Louis have few

Fraternity enthusiasts. Washington's players are coming into line before becoming "goats." Little is known of the remaining clubs, though sev-eral Tigers have forsworn allegiance

Only Two Are Out.

and Robertson, are unsigned, but the track for the present season. Giants alone of the National League Club are as prepared for eventual!

The Phillies' star, Alexander, is hold-out unless salary demands Brooklyn has at least The Braves are in a eleven rebels. similar condition. Pittsburgh three men in line. The Cardinals have one and the Cubs and Reds one The Cubs are due to leave for Call-

fornia February 20. If the players refuse to report by that date, the baseball world will know what to ex-

The acquisition of Sam Crane by the Griffmen in exchange for Barber, Bentley, and Williams, has started a lot of talk in town. Many believe the newcomer will be a regular from the jump.

When with Dunn's Richmond Inter nationals in 1915 Crane did not impress one as a hitter. He was given a short trial with the Mackmen and then returned to Dunn, who had gone back to Baltimore. However, Crar lameness had much to do with his first failure as a big leaguer.

newest Griffman is a rangy chap, has a good whip, is fast on his feet, and may hit. It is this last 'may" that causes all the talk among the local fans. To make a successful battle for high rank in the America: League, a club must have pitching and It needs the hitting. Crane can hit for ,250 and equal Mc Bride at shortstop, he will hold his

TO REPLACE CORNELL

Columbia Will Be Given Rowing

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 29,-There the first time since 1905. There is a hitch between the two managements over a mutually agreeable date and with the persistent reports that Harvard and Columbia are to row the appears as if Harvard is going to as up the chance to go to Ithaca in twelve years of rowing Cornell has

Manager Percival S. Howe, of Har vard, would neither affirm or deny report that there would be no race this spring. "I have had no correspondence with any of our prospective opponents," he said. "The visory rowing committee is still considering the make-up of the schedule, and until they have decided on it

there is nothing I can say. A probable Harvard schedule this spring will be an April meeting with Annapolis on the severn, a race with Columbia and other opponents late

TWO MORE GRIFFMEN TECH ON LOOKOUT FOR TRACK COACH

But No Action Has Been Taken.

Tech is on the lookout for a track each. The Manual Trainers with a youths who want to break all records. Up to about a week ago Monroe Sheehan, captain of the track team, was coaching the Tech youngsters.

For the past few days Sheehan has been under the weather. The name of Mike Martin, trainer of Clark Griffith's Nationals, has been men-tioned as handler of the Tech sprinthave got into line for the coming ers and distancers, but nothing defi-nite has been done toward obtaining Martin for the team.

Will Enter Meets.

Coach or not the Tech runners will enter the meets this season. Several Colliflower to See Today If Enmeets have been held during the fall, and some fine competition has been

sure to be ready for the ringing of the gong. Adding to them Flaherty, the local twirier; Mike Moran, the sandlot infielder, and the four athletes running along on war-time boys. Workouts are being held out of doors at the school and considerable progress has been made despite the fact that no regular coach has at the Naval Academy. Coach Jim Tech has several good runners es-

Would Meet Others. Namara, representing Tech, is trying February 7. to arrange an affair with Western

meets to come later.

There is every indication that Tech team. will have a track coach shortly. Sev-eral interested in the work are expecting to ask permission to engage

od man to take up the burde until after the indoor meets are over. School Handicapped. The school has been greatly handicapped in not having a gymnasium. Won There is a wealth of material at the year. school, and the squad has been work-ing out three days a week in the

Business gymnasium. Several of Tech's former athletes are making good in college, and if they could get an earlier start might make records here.

FEVER STOPS RACES Juarez Meet Ends When Quarantine Hits Mexican Town.

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 29,-After forty-five days of racing, and fighting against great odds, losing tens of thousands of dollars in an attempt to keep the sport of racing going on across the Rio Grande from El Paso, the management of the Jockey Club Juarez today "turned the box over" and announced that the last Only two of the Giants, Hoelke deal had been made at this Mexican

> was the fight against fear of the villainous Villa and his reather at times called a halt, but the Y. M. C. A. in spite of all this racing was continued six days a week until it be-came evident that there were not sufficient horses to carry on a continuous meeting of 100 days, and the

It was thought that the meeting might be stretched out until time to travel toward the Northern tracks, but yesterday all attempts to carry on the sport ceased and announce ment was made that the track was closed for the season.

When riots started early over in the town of Juarez because a quaran tine had been thrown up against the invasion of El Paso by servants who have employment in the Texas city and spend their nights at their homes across the border, the end of racing here was seen.

Manager Winn, of the Jockey Club, rdered a statement to be issued as

"Acting largely upon the advice of ersons familiar with the conditions in Juarez, and believing it wise no longer to continue the races in the face of the present difficulties and health restrictions, J. Winn, manager of the Jockey Club Juarez, made the announcement that the meeting at up to his expectations. Scott, it is the Juarez track was terminated for the present season.

"While he does not believe there is any danger, and certainly no greater now than heretofore, others whose opinion he values have advised him that safety and precaution at this would not be misplaced. He is, therefore, very naturally not disposed o assume a needless responsibility.

"The quarantine restrictions both upon the American side and the retaliatory measures upon the other, due possibly to natural resentment have had a disquieting effect upon is a probability that Harvard and the public, so that few would care to Cornell will not row this spring for undertake possible discomforts or mo-

were only six weeks remaining to be run according to the announcement schedule, there will be no hardship to the horsemen who have prospered vell under the liberal policy of the club. By next season, it is expected that the troubles across the Rio Grande will be over when another neeting, bigger and better than ever,

HOLDS TO FRATERNITY.

MOBILE, Ala., Jan. 29.-Milton Stock, third baseman of the Philadelphia National League club, wintering here, said today that he would stand differences between the players and from the Philadelphia Athletics. Volts owners were settled. A contract sent May and the customary brushes Stock by the Philadelphia club has

CHIP OFF OLD BLOCK

Bernie Wefers, Jr., Chasing Father's Record on Track.

A chip off the old block is Bernie Wefers, jr., the sprinter, who has matriculated at Columbia College. Since the son of the New York Athletic Club and Fordham University coach took up athletic competition, a little more than one year ago, he has enjoyed a remarkably successful career. In all his races in closed and open competition he has never failed

to carn a place in the final heats.

Bernie's daddy is joint holder of
the world's record of 0:21 1-5 for the coach. The Manual Trainers with a 220 yards, made while he was attend-wealth of material are casting about ing Georgetown University in 1896, for a mentor to take charge of the and the junior Wefers hopes to gain equal fame before he is graduated from the Blue and White institution. tition, young Wefers last July low-ered the schoolboy 100-yard time to 0:10 1-5.

A. N. PREP TO PLAY

gagement Can Be Made for Winning Five.

a worthy opponent for his plebe team Right now Tech is wanting two op- and will ask an invitation for the A. ponent in a triangular meet. Mb. N. P. quint for a game to be played

The Preps have had an unusually and St. Albans, such as was held last successful season riding rough shod winter before the regularly scheduled over all opponents. Unfortunately the meets here.

The Tech team would take on any other track teams who want to get into competition in tryouts for the friends was set back by the Central

Western Invited.

Last year the Naval Academy authorities invited the Western High School to play the Plebe team. Western's five went down to defeat before practically the same team that has won nine straight for the Navy this

Welch, Clarke, Martin, Von Leimberg, and Staub were the members of the Plebe team last year. Three of these players have been on the vic-torious Navy quint this season. The Navy coach will know definitely in a day or so whether the Preps will be asked to bring their team to the Academy for a game.

Games Scheduled.

Several attractive games ar scheduled for the week. Today the scrappy Gonzaga team plays the Georgetown Freshman five in Ryan gym. These teams will come right back for another battle on Priday afternoon at Gonzaga. Tomorrow the Business-Technical

engagement, postponed from last week, will go on the boards. This game will wind up the first half of the schoolboy series.

On Wednesday Army and Navy Prep play St. Albans in the Army and Navy Prep gymnasium. Teams take marauders to overcome, and then a rest until Friday, when Central and came the elements and young bliz Eastern play, and Western and Tech zards, and other varieties of bad take the floor in a double-header at

Central announced a game with Episcopal High School for this week but seems to have overlooked the fact racing was cut down last week to that the Friday engagement was three days a week. Tech plays St. Albans in the Epiphany gymnasium.

One or two games may be arranged during the week by the high schoo quints An effort to strengthen sev eral of the weaker fives will be m in the next few days, owing to the fact that the mid year marks go in.

SCOTT WON'T SIGN

Worlds Champions' Star Shortstop · Declines Salary Cut.

BOSTON, Jan. 29 .- Everett Scott the crack shortstop of the Red Sox, has refused to stand a cut in his salary. His unsigned contract for 1917 has arrived here, accompanied by a short note concerning his attitude. He makes no mention of the fraternity squabbles, merely saying that the salary offered does not con understood, has been offered less

"I have no doubt but that Scott will into line," says President ce. "We shall get together over Frazee. this salary matter.

SIGNS UP METRIE

Milwaukee Lightweight Joins Lich-CHICAGO, Jan. 29.-Larney Lich tenstein, Chicago promoter and man

ager of Ad Wolgast, has added anoth iestation.

'The management of the Jockey string. Today he signed Charlie Metrie, Milwaukee idol.

Club Juarez was loath to end the trie, Milwaukee idol.

Metrie is matched to meet Sailor er promising lightweight to his string. Today he signed Charlie Me-Kirke, coast lightweight, before the National A. C. at Denver February a special 600. Some comeback. 5, over the 15-round route. Both box ers have agreed to make 135 pounds

GETS TWO MACKMEN.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 29.-Plans for the strengthening of the Harrisburg club of the New York State League, were announced here today by Manager Cockill, who stated he ad secured several new players for the team.

Among these are Tom Voltz and Tom Heeley, whom Cockill secured son, and Heeley was purchased out-

MEET ON ALLEYS IN FINAL GAMES

Keane's Grand Centrals and Southeast All-Stars Finish Series Tomorrow.

Tomorrow night will see the con clusion of the ten-game duckpin series between Tom Keane's Grand Centrals, of the National Capital League, and the Southeast All-Stars, picked from the Southeast League. Five games will be rolled on the Grand Central alleys, starting at 7:30. Keane's team enters the final set more than 190 pins to the good, and probably will win easily. The South-

easterns, however, are a capable lot

of bowlers and can be expected to

put up a good performance.

When Isemann's Crescents rolled the Martinsburg Palace team here Thursday, Harry Stanford, the local star, accomplished an unusual feat which was generally overlooked. He rolled thirteen consecutive boxes, starting with the first frame of his opening game, without leaving a pin standing. This doubtless is a record.

When Johnny Vaeth rolls tomor row against the Southeast All-Stars there will be many on hand to see how far the Grand Central crack will carry his present sensational streak. He has averaged 123 for his last twenty-one games.

Now comes a challenge to the Royals from far-away Anacostia aged by Walter Scott. The latter wishes to arrange a match for some Thursday night to be rolled on the

BOBTHAYER'S Sporting Gossip

ery winter the Georgetown-Virginia relations come up for consideration.

Unless all signs fall Maryland State College is coming in for the cream in a year so. Curley Byrd's teams are getting better. The Staters are de veloping athletically as well as financially. They will have a big stadium shortly. They meet all comers, and have no crows to pick with anyone. Catholic University and Georgetown have severed relations with each other. Virginia does not play either in any branch of sport. Maryland State authorities are keen to see Virginia as a drawing card here, and it but a matter of a year or so for the farsighted ones before State will be skimming the financial cream of athletic relations with Vir-

This is a peaceful land, except on the diamond.

Next Saturday's duckpin matches between the Royals, strongest bowling combination of Washington, and a crack Rosnoke team, and between the Casinos, of this city, and the Virginians, will serve to show how local talent compares with out-of-town ability. Local bowlers, and rightfully so, have come to believe that the National Capital boasts the best duckpin rollers in the country. Roanoke takes pride in a number of pinspillers that are believed there to be the equal of any team that can be placed in competition by Washington. It will be known whether this be so or not after the Roanoke bunch has encountered the Royals and Casinos. The Royals compose undoubtedly the most skilled quint that ever represented this city. and the Casinos, while not so strong as the Royals, are capable of giving them a tough battle.

Army and Navy men are eagerly scanning the list of casualties. This is known as the "bliging" season, when flunkers are either dropped or set back a class.

Here's a quiet tip. Watch Central's basketball team. The dark blue youngsters succeeded in staving off Baltimore City College, no mean feat by the way. Central has improved in every contest, which is more than can be said of several other high school quints striving for the title. Central has lost two games in the title race, but the ground can be regained if the leader slips down a triffe. It would not be surprising to see Tech drop a contest before the end of the year. The next Tech-Central battle is going to be a real one if present indications are to be taken for what they are really worth.

The next to the last we heard of Ted Meredith he had pneumonia. The last we heard was that he had galloped in ahead of several cracks in zorians, at Southeast.

The freshman rule adopted by colleges several years ago has done much Metrie has gone through thirty-three more for varsity athletics than was at Arcade. ever expected. Football, baseball, basketball and track teams composed of at Columbia. freshmen have their own coaches and schedules, and have developed fine athletes for the varsity. It was a tion, at Arcade.
wise rule and worked well to the Bureau of Standards—Sharpshoot wise rule and worked well to the eventual advantage of all the colleges in that is precluded the possibility of urers; Managers vs. Anditors; athletes jumping from team to team, senger Traffic vs. Tie Timbers, at Palin addition the freshman coaches have ace. followed varsity methods so that the Brightwood. athletes delivered over in their second year are ready in every respect. ture vs. Commissioners, at Royal.

FOSTER TO RETURN

Joe Wood May Not Be Given Chance Now With Champions.

BOSTON, Jan. 29.-George Foster star pitcher of the Red Sox in 1915. has benefitted so much by a treat ment for his alling wing that he has notified President Frazee that he will report at Hot Springs, Ark., when the call to arms sounds. His reappear ance may vitally change the status of Joe Wood, another veteran Red

Foster intended to retire. He in jured his arm last season, and was compelled to drop out of competition. Then Joe Wood, who did not play ball in 1916, entered into negotiations with his old club, and it was announced that he would be given an opportunity to show his class at the training

The announcement today that Fos ter is able to pitch may result in a failure for Wood. "Smoky" Joe is

ROANOKE BOWLERS TO MEET LOCALS

Royals and Casinos Engage Crack Virginians Here on Saturday.

Some idea as to how the Royal fuckpin team of this city compares with the best out-of-town talent in the South Atlantic section will be known next Saturday, when a crack combination of Roanoke, Va., comes here for an engagement. It will be the opening five games of a ten-game natch, the second half to be contested at Roanoke.

Roll Casinos,

The visitors will roll the Royals at the Royal at 2:30 in the afternoon and the Casinos, on the Casino alleys, at 7:30 p. m. The Casinos are mostly responsible for the Roanoke visit as they journeyed to the Virginia town sometime ago and battled the same

On this occasion the Roanoke bowl-ers obtained one game of 619 and growell averaged around 585 for the match. Reid ... averaged around 585 for the match. It is to be seen from this that the Royals and Casinos will have no "easy pickings" in Saturday's competition

Big Stakes Up. It is understood that handsome stakes are up on the matches. With the unprecedented scores made this season by the Royals, Harry Krauss, Harry Halley, Harry Stanford, J. Bernard Carroll, and Earl Lewis, local bowlers have looked forward to the time when these stars should show their worth against out-

May Decide Supremacy,

Many believe that the Royal team is the strongest in the country, and the Roanoke match may be the first step toward determining whether or not it is. A match is pending with an all-star combination of Baltimore, which, should it be rolled, would ue-cide whether that city can produce the local champions With victories over Baltimore and

Roanoke, it is to be assumed Halley would lead his rollers into eran makes no statement with refer

Following Saturday night's rolling the Roanokes, Royals, and Casinos will join in a banquet at the Ebbitt.

CHARGES UP TODAY

Boxing Commissioner Wenck Accused of Asking a Bribe.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 29,-Charges preferred against Fred Wenck, chairman of the New York State Boxing Commission, will be brought up for hearing here today. Wenck is charged by Harry Pol-

lock, John White, and Patrick T. Powers and Emil Fuchs with having solicited a bribe in return for a box ing license for bouts at Madison Square Garden. Franklin B. Lord. legal adviser to Governor Whitman. will hear the charges.

WHERE THEY ROLL.

National Capital-Dumbartons vs. Columbians, at Georgetown. District-Shermans vs. Westons, at Royal. Masonic-National vs. Columbia, at

Royal. Commercial - Evening Star va Washington Railway A. A., at Pala Agriculture Interbureau-States Relations vs. Chemistry, at Casino. Red Men-Logan vs Seneca: White Eagle vs. Osceola; Idaho vs. Mineole, at Jitneys. Postoffice - Registry vs. Carriers M.

Navy Yard-Radio vs. Torpedo, at Capital Hill Capitol Hill-Marines vs. Jays, at Capitol Hill. Bureau of Engraving and Printing-Machinists vs. Tigers, at Rathskeller. Georgetown Commercial - Cavan-

O., at Postoffice

at Rathskeller.

augh and Kendrick vs. Potomac Bank, at Georgetown, Southeast-Baby Grands vs. Ten Departmental-Treasury vs. Comnissioners, at Palace. Capital City-Jewels vs. Bureaus.

Mt. Pleasant-Florists vs. Pirates. Columbia-Columbians vs. Cannons. Fourtenth Street-Allies vs. Kellys. at Garrison.

Interstate Claims vs. Fourth Secers vs. Midgets, at Arcade. Southern Railway-Law vs. Treas

Omo Class-Tigers vs. Braves, at

HOWARD IS LEADER OF K. OF C. LEAGUE

108 Average—De Sotos Set Pace for Teams.

J. C. Howard, of the Marquette eam, is the leading bowler of the Knights of Columbus Duckpin League, with an average of 108-1 for nineteen games. His team is in last

De Sotos top the league standing with 35 games won and 10 lost, with the Trinidads second at 29 and 13.

The averages:

High game-Trinidad and Genoa, 538. High set-Ovando, 1,544; 2nd, Balboa, 1,534. Average-Columbia, 481-23; 2nd, De Boto,

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS.

High average—J. C. Howard, 108-1; 2nd, high average, Lowry, 108-22.

High flat game—Draley, M. Greatest number strikes—J. H. McCarthy,

CP. L. TRINIDAD. COLUMBIA

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McDonough 28 2,706 3 43
Smith, T. 28 2,538 9 30
Pairo. 29 2,662 6 40
McCartan 19 1,769 8 20
Werner. 26 2,223 6 27
Donohoe, J. M. P. 31 2,817 5 87

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20 2.617 2 22 107 271
19 1.597 2 15 102 258 MARQUETTE.

WILL INVESTIGATE

Organized Labor In No Hurry About Granting Charter. NEW YORK, Jan. 29 .- The appli-

cation of the players' union for a charter has not been granted by the American Federation of Labor, President Gompers said on Saturday that before the application would be considered several things would have to be investigated.

It might be well for the federation to remember that the major league players received more than \$1,500,000 in salaries from sixteen clubs last year and that the union has frankly admitted that there is no grievance the two big circuits are concerned .. As for the minor leagues it is fair to assume that organized labor will recognize the inability of the major leagues to compel the small circuits to yield to the players' demands.

As a matter of fact, the minor leagues could easily square accounts with the striking players if a surrender was brought about. The extraining camps would be paid, but the difference could be deducted from the salaries or the players could be sent to cheaper hotels on the road. in spite of vigorous denials. Organ-

ized labor doubtless will appreciate

the fact that the players are liberally

KILLEFER DENIES **ALEXANDER PACT**

Tops Duckpin Bowlers With Phils' Catcher Says He Will Not Be Guided by Pitcher in His Trouble.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Grover

Cleveland Alexander, star pitcher of the Phillies, in demanding a \$15,000 salary from President W. F. Baker, ast week was quoted as saying that he had made a compact with Catcher Killefer to hold out until their terms had been accepted. Killefer issued denial of Alexander's alleged statement today. He said he expected to have no trouble with his employer and that he wouldn't be guided by

Alexander's influence.

Killefer's case is interesting. Early in 1914 he jumped the Phillies and, signed a three-year contract with the Chicago Federal League club at \$5,000 a year. His case was taken into the courts with the result that his services were awarded to the Phillies. Baker then signed him for three years at \$6,500 and the contract expired last fall.

Lost Use Of Arm.

In September, 1915, Killefer sudden ly lost the use of his throwing arm end did not play a game until last June, but he received his salary in full, the owners of the Phillies pay-

The legal proceedings which kept. Rillefer away from the Feds, amounted to \$8,000, which also was paid by the Philadelphia club. Killefer, therefore, was an expensive luxury, although he could not catch Alexander in the 1915 world's series. President Baker recently sent a \$5,000 contract to Killefer which covered the seasons of 1917, 1918, 1919. Killefer naturally found fault with the cut in his pay, but inasmuch as the salaries of the Phillies last year amounted to \$104,000, actual fig-The legal proceedings which kept year amounted to \$104,000, actual fig-ures. Baker is determined to pay less money to several his players includ-ing Killefer, who it seems has been

fairly treated. Case Is Different. Alexander's case is somewhat dif-

ferent, although his demand for \$15,-000 a year is considered unreasonable. When the great pitcher was tempted by Federal League offers three years ago, Baker handed out a blank contract for three years, and told Alexander to name his own terms. As a result Alexander wrote \$7,000 a year into the contract, which was entirely

omptly declared that he was very At the end of each season he re-ceived an extra \$1,000 for winning twenty-five games, while he shared in the world's series money of 1915. Bak-er mailed a new three-year contract to Alexander several weeks ago. It \$1,000 bonus for twenty-five Alexander quickly replied that he wouldn't sign for less than \$15,000

year and a three-year contract.

Johnson Highest Salaried, Walter Johnson, of the Washing ton club, is the highest salaried pitcher in baseball. He received \$12, 500 last year. When the time o sign again with Clark Griffith, Johnwill be forced to accept a sub-

Alexander isn't worth a dollar more than Johnson has received. He is a wonderful pitcher and a fine fellow. He is highly regarded by Baker and Pat Moran, and as soon as he arrives in Philadelphia for a talk, there is no doubt that he will sign a contract that will be entirely satisfactory.

Will Enforce Contract.

The new form of players' contract

which has been adopted by the major

leagues will be enforced to the letter by the magnates. It contains the tenday release notice to which numerous players are objecting. owners have been asked to stand pat, and seven of them are on record in favor of making their players accept

the new contract without erasures. The American League club owners Johnson puts the matter up to them. For many weeks eminent attorneys retained by the National Commission worked over the new contract, and when it had been drafted both major leagues formally adopted it. For that reason the magnates see no reason why they should wipe out certain clauses at the request of their players. If the contract is fair for one man it is fair for all. It would be poor nolicy to make concessions to some players simply to get them in line. Objection to the ten-day release clause

that it is a good thing for baseball. ACCEPT CHALLENGE

Lamy and Mathissen Willing to

Race Norval Baptie. NEW YORK, Jan. 29 .- The sweepng challenge of Norval Baptle, who claims the world's speed skating championship, in which he offered to race any skater any distance for any amount of money, has aroused the echoes on many an indoor sheet of fee as far as the national commission and hereabouts, and has already drawn replies and acceptances from two whirlwind skaters. One Mathissen, and the other is Edmund

Mathissen, who has just abandoned the world's amateur skating champlonship and will race his first pro contest at against John Nillson February 1, is the one to whom the challenge of Baptic was primarily directed. Baptic offering to-race for "love, money, or

charity."
Edmund Lamy, in accepting the challenge on his own behalf, denies that Baptie has any claim to the world's title, saying that Morris Wood The salary question is the pivot defeated him in five races out of six on which the players' strike revolves in Cleveland in 1910, losing the sixth on account of a fall, and that Bautle since then. Two yers later Laby beat Ome Class—Tigers vs. Braves, at the fact that the players are the fact that the players are the fact that the players are found that their alleged grievances. Wood at Saranac Lake in four out. Washington City Tenpin—Agriculare so trivial that the basebail public has no sympathy for them.